

distribution was signed between the Governments of Bihar and West Bengal for the establishment of Damodar Valley Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to reconsider the agreement ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No agreement for distribution of power was signed between the Governments of Bihar and West Bengal for the establishment of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC). The DVC was established under the Damodar Valley Corporation Act (xiv) of 1948.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[English]

Madras Cargo Complex

5368. SHRI K. THULASIAH VANDAYAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cargo complex at Madras has been holding uncleared goods of many companies resulting in shortage of space;

(b) if so, the action taken/being taken by the Government to clear the cargo complex for easy hauling of cargo;

(c) whether the Government propose to build an additional cargo complex there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The IAAI has plans to progressively expand the present Cargo Terminal. The first additional module consisting of approx. 5,000 sq. mts. of covered area is planned to be built during the 8th Plan period.

[Translation]

Conversion of Railway Lines in Eastern Uttar Pradesh

5369. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ashok Mehta Committee identified existence of metre gauge railway lines in eastern Uttar Pradesh as one of the causes of backwardness in that region;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to convert the metre gauge railway line from Varanasi to Chhapra and Balia Mau and from Sitapur to Budbaj Shahganj into broad gauge; and

(c) if so, by what time and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Work on conversion of Chhapra-Aunrihar section is targetted for completion by 1993-94. Survey Report for conversion of Sitapur-Budhwal has been received. The work will be considered based on the result of the survey and availability of resources. A proposal for the conversion of Mau-Shahganj section was sent to the Planning Commission for their approval, who have not approved the same.

Koliwar Railway Bridge

5370. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: